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Her Majeſties moſt Gracious Speech to both Houſes of Parliament, on Wedneſday *the Fifth Day of* April, 1710.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Is with great Satisfaction, that I come hither at this Time, to return you My hearty Thanks for the many Marks of Duty and Affection which you have given Me thro' the whole Courſe of this Seſſions.

And I am to Thank you, *Gentlemen of the Houſe of Commons*, in a very particular manner, for the great Diſpatch which you have made in providing, ſo Early in the Year, ſuch Great and Effectual Supplies for the Publick Service; This cannot but make Me very deſirous to repeat the Aſſurances I gave you at the Opening of the Seſſion, that they ſhould be very Carefully Apply'd to the Uſes for which you have deſigned them.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

I cannot ſufficiently expreſs to you My great Concern, that you have had ſo neceſſary an Occaſion of taking up a great part of your Time towards the latter End of this Seſſion.

I am confident, no Prince that ever ſat upon the Throne has been more really and ſincerely Kind to the Church than My Self, nor ever had a more True and Tender Concern for its Welfare and Proſperity than I have, and always ſhall continue to have.

The Suppreſſing Immorality, and Prophane and other Wicked and Malicious Libels, is what I have always earneſtly recommended, and ſhall be glad of the firſt Opportunity to give My Conſent to any Laws that might Effectually conduce to that End; But this being

being an Evil complained of in all Times, it is very Injurious to take a Pretence from thence to Insinuate that the Church is in any Danger from My Administration.

I could heartily wish, that Men would study to be Quiet, and do their own Business, rather than Busie themselves in Reviving Questions and Disputes of a very high Nature, and which must be with an ill Intention, since they can only tend to Foment, but not to Heal our Divisions and Animosities.

For My own part, as it has pleased God to give Success to My Endeavours for the Union of My Two Kingdoms, which I must ever esteem as one of the greatest Blessings of My Reign; so I hope His Divine Goodness will still continue favourable, and make Me the happy Instrument of that yet more desirable Union of the Hearts of all My People, in the Bonds of mutual Affection, That so there may remain no other Contention among you, but who shall exceed the other in Contributing to Advance Our present Happiness, and secure the Protestant Succession.

Finding, by the Advices from Abroad, that Our Army has not yet taken the Field, and that the Plenipotentiaries of *France* are still in *Holland*, I think it proper at present to make the Prorogation but for a very short time.

FINIS.